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Program Announcement

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WASHINGTON, September 30, 1997 -- Under Secretary of Agriculture August Schumacher, Jr. today announced the prevailing world market prices of milled rice, loan rate basis, as follows:

--long grain whole kernels:
--medium grain whole kernels:
--short grain whole kernels:
--broken kernels:

12.88 cents per pound

12.01 cents per pound

11.94 cents per pound

6.44 cents per pound

These prices are changed from those announced last week at this time.

Based upon these milled rice world market prices, loan deficiency payment (LDP) rates and gains from repaying price support loans at the world market price are zero.

The announced prices and rates are effective today at 3:00 P.M. eastern time. The next price announcement is scheduled for October 7, 1997 at 3:00 P.M. eastern time.

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